

WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Work Session on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. The following Board Members were present: Mary Gonzales, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Thomas Groneman, Secretary; Robert L. Milan, Jeff Bryant and David Haley.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Jeremy Ash, Interim Chief Operating Officer; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer; Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A tape of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities.

Ms. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken, all Board Members were present except Mr. Haley, who arrived at 5:00 P.M.

Item #5 –Board Strategic Plan

The Board continued their discussion about their goals for the Board of Directors portion of the Strategic Plan. Regarding Board evaluation in the Board Accountability section, it was decided that Ms. Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel, would handle the communication in developing the evaluation. There was also discussion about having a formal communication plan in regards to how the Board communicates with each other in accordance with the rules set out by the Kansas Attorney General. It was suggested that perhaps a formal communication plan could go into the Board policies that should also be reviewed. The formation of a Board Mentorship program for new Board members was also discussed.

Ms. Lawson, would compile the discussion points and send them to the Board members.

Item #6 – Economic Development Proposal – Yards II

Ms. Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services reviewed the revised Economic Development request from Flaherty and Collins for the Helms project. After reviewing the revised request, the Economic Development Committee asked Ms. Townsend to bring it to the full Board.

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Mr. Bryant expressed his thoughts on why he was against granting the request.

Ms. Gonzales asked for clarification on water usage from Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations, said that they were currently working on an interconnect that would give the project the opportunity to get started and then could be available in case of an emergency.

Ms. Mulvany Henry asked if their shared cost agreement with the Unified Government (UG) had been completed.

Ms. Lawson said she would make inquiries.

The Board requested that the Agenda be amended to include this resolution.

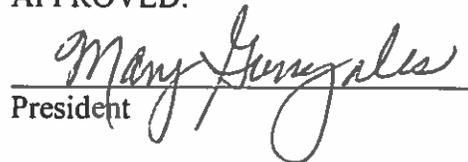
Item #7 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 6:00 P.M. by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Haley, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


President